

200 BRONX TENANTS FIND NEW QUARTERS

One-third of Families in Houses
Seized for Waves and Spars
Are Ready to Vacate

NAVY ASKS FOR PATIENCE

Expenses for Transfer Up to
2 Miles Will Be Paid, but
Not Other Incidentals

As the deadline for moving approaches, Captain William F. Amsden, commanding officer of the Naval Training School to be opened next month at Hunter College, appealed yesterday to the 613 families in the Kingsbridge section of the Bronx who must vacate their apartments to provide quarters for Waves and Spars trainees, for patience and understanding.

In a letter sent to each of the displaced families, Capt. Amsden said the Navy is making every effort to iron out such problems as have arisen and to satisfy all reasonable requests of those affected. He added that he was pleased that the response of the great majority of tenants has been cooperative and unselfish, demonstrating convincingly that the patriotism of Americans at home is just as firm as that of our men on the fighting fronts when sacrifice is demanded.

Navy to Arrange Moving

Although it is not required to do so under the War Power Act, the Navy, the captain said, is arranging with moving companies to move tenants. This decision, he stated, was made to lighten the burden of this forced move as much as possible.

"When American citizens consider that millions of people in Europe and Asia have been rendered homeless by war or by Axis brutality, they must feel grateful indeed for the privilege of living in the United States" he declared. "Who can imagine our enemies saying 'by your leave' in taking over buildings when war emergency required? Or giving the occupants more than a half hour to vacate?"

He declared that the Navy will move household goods free to a new apartment or home within a reasonable distance, indicating that up to two miles could be considered within reason, but added that in exceptional cases, where justification can be shown, the Navy will pay for slightly more distant transfer.

Other Expenses Refused

Incidental expenses, he declared, such as laying of carpets, reinstallation of telephones, etc., cannot be met. Also there will be no extension of time. Five buildings have to be vacated by Jan. 31, eight others by Feb. 20.

In the meanwhile, Joseph Platzker, assistant Commissioner of Housing and chairman of the Mayor's committee to aid these families, announced that 200 of the 613 families have been aided by his group in securing other quarters.

Mr. Platzker said that his office had received complaints of rent gouging by landlords from but 7 per cent of the displaced families.

At Public School 86, 195th Street and Reservoir Avenue, members of the Parent-Teachers Association are caring for children while parents go house-hunting. Women volunteers of the Office of Civilian Defense are cooperating in a similar manner.